GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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UNIRRIGATED AND UNCULTIVABLE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of unirrigated and uncultivable land in the country towards the end of Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the latest measures taken by the Government to provide irrigation facility in those areas; and

(c) the details of these proposals sent by the State Governments for implementation of irrigation projects in such areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): As per available estimate, sown area of about 85.5 million ha. is unirrigated and an area of about 28.7 million ha. is uncultivable land (permanent pasture, other grazing lands, land under miscellaneous tree crops & groves and culturable wasteland) in the country by the end of 1998- 99. The State wise details are annexed.

(b)&(c): Irrigation being a State subject, action to augment irrigation capacity is taken by the concerned States through completion of ongoing projects and planning and implementation of various new irrigation projects/schemes. The Ministry of Water Resources has received 182 proposals from different States for techno-economic appraisal of irrigation projects. Out of these, 96 projects are under different stages of appraisal.

In addition to Plan allocation of the States, the Central Government is also providingCentral Loan Assistance to the States under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme forexpeditions completion of selected Major and Medium Irrigation Projects and Minor Irrigation Schemes.

Annexure

State-wise Unirrigated and Uncultivable land (Area in 000` ha.)

S.No	States/UTs	Unirrigated Land	Uncultivable Land
1	Andhra Pradesh	6440.00	1701.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	149.00	44.00
3	Assam	2129.00	483.00
4	Bihar	3749.00	772.00
5	Chattisgarh	#	#
6	Goa	120.00	57.00
7	Gujarat	6616.00	2833.00
8	Haryana	786.00	66.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	446.00	1671.00
10.	Jharkhand	##	##
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	424.00	338.00
12.	Karnataka	7997.00	1735.00
13	Kerala	1884.00	84.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	13279.00	4090.00
15	Maharashtra	14786.00	2451.00
16	Manipur	75.00	24.00
17	Meghalaya	173.00	628.00
18	Mizoram	100.00	174.00
19	Nagaland	198.00	189.00
20	Orissa	3958.00	1753.00
21	Punjab	234.00	46.00
22	Rajasthan	10574.00	6801.00
23	Sikkim	79.00	75.00
24	Tamil Nadu	2616.00	711.00
25	Tripura	242.00	28.00
26	Uttar Pradesh	4894.00	1739.00
27	Uttranchal	###	###
28	West Bengal	3529.00	125.00
29	A & Nicobar Island	38.00	32.00
30	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	18.00	1.00

32	Daman & Diu	3.00	3.00
33	Delhi	2.00	11.00
34	Lakshadweep	2.00	0.00
35	Pondicherry	3.00	4.00
	Total	85543.00	28669.00

Area included in Madhya Pradesh
Area included in Bihar
Area included in Uttar Pradesh